

REMARKS

Introduction

Claims 1, 6, 16, 19, 22 and 28 have been amended. The application continues to include claim 1-33.

An RCE is being filed herewith.

Applicant thanks Examiner Hutton for taking the time to conduct a personal interview with the Applicant's representative on Nov. 18, 2008. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and following remarks.

The Claims are Allowable over the Prior Art Because the Prior Art Fails to Disclose the Generation of a Merged Specification for all Web Pages of a Web Site

Claims 1-23, 26-29 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ferrel (U.S. Pat. No. 5,860,073). Claims 25 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel in view of Keating (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0052895). The Examiner's rejections of these claims were affirmed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("BPAI") on October 9, 2008. Reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested because the prior art fails to disclose the dynamic generation of a merged specification for all web pages of a web site.

One embodiment is a method and system that provides a common design for a web site or web based application that includes multiple related web pages. See U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0138516 (the publication no. of the present application), ¶¶ 2 and 7. A master specification is generated that includes the

style specification and/or navigation specification for the common design of the web pages. *See id.*, ¶ 22. A subordinate web page specification is generated for each web page of the web site and includes content for the web pages. *See id.*, ¶ 24. Each of the web pages is referenced by its own uniform resource locator ("URL"). *See id.*, ¶ 27. When one of the web pages is requested, the master specification and the subordinate web page specifications are provided to a generator 240, which in response generates a merged specification for all of the resultant web pages. *See id.*, ¶ 27 and Fig. 4. Therefore, all of the web pages of the web site have a common design and can be generated on demand, in real time, on an as needed basis. *See id.*, ¶ 27.

Ferrel discloses style sheets for a publishing system. Similarly to the style sheets disclosed as prior art in ¶ 6 and Fig. 1 of the present application, in Ferrel a "story object" makes reference to a style sheet 443 before being rendered on page 434. *See* Ferrel, col. 19, ll. 36-38. The style sheet includes formatting information, including "properties of the paragraphs, fonts and embedded objects in the story that format the content as it was originally designed". *See id.* at col. 19, ll. 39-44. However, Ferrel fails to disclose the dynamic generation of a merged specification that provides a common design for multiple web pages that comprise a web site.

In contrast to embodiments of the present invention, neither Ferrel or any of the other cited prior art discloses the dynamic generation of a merged specification. Specifically, in contrast to the cited prior art, amended independent claim 1 recites "generating a merged specification" in which "the merged

specification corresponds to a web site that comprises the first and second resultant web pages"

For at least these reasons, amended claim 1, and amended independent claims 6, 16, 19, 22 and 28, which recite similar limitations, should now be allowable over the cited prior art. The remaining claims depend from either claim 1, 6, 16, 19, 22 or 28, and should also be allowable for at least the above reasons.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests favorable action in connection with this application.

The Examiner is invited and urged to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

A fee for an RCE is being submitted herewith. Should any additional fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Womble Carlyle's Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully Submitted,

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